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Appl. No. 09/820,210
Amdt. dated August 31, 2006
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1641

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REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 5, 9, 26, and 78 are pending. Claims 1 and 26 are amended to conform with the language of original claim 11. Therefore, no new matter is added with this amendment.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph - written description

Claims 1, 5, 9, 26, 27, and 78 have been rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner asserts that "the language of claim 1 which defines the moiety 'L³-Z' is inconsistent with the language of original claim 11 and the specification." See page 2 of Examiner's Action. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 26 such that the exact language of claim 11 is now set forth in claims 1 and 26.

In light of the amendments to claims 1 and 26, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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